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IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE ON  
THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE NO. **PO/3**

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja  
Prime Minister  
Office of the Prime Minister  
**KAMPALA**

**RE: SUPPORT TOWARDS ON-GOING EFFORTS AGAINST ILLEGAL  
LAND EVICTIONS AND TRANSACTIONS**

The above subject refers.

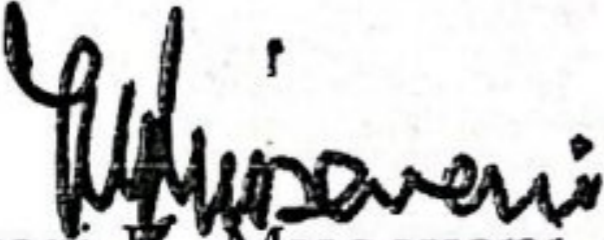
When the NRM came to power, one of the issues we dealt with was stopping land evictions and ensuring that there is no burden to the legal or bonafide tenant while, at the same time, we restored the paper ownership of the landlord which Amin's decree had interfered with without discussion.

In order to give security and justice to the tenant, we brought the two elements of the 1928 Busuulu and Nvujjo Law. One was that evictions could only take place with the permission of the Governor. In our case, we said that evictions should never take place except for the non-payment of the nominal rent of Shs.1000 (One thousand shillings), at that time. The second element was that the rent was to be merely nominal and not commercial, fixed by the District Land Board with the permission of the Minister. In the meantime, we created a Land Fund to help the tenants *okwegura* (pay off the landlord). With customary owners on Public Land, their security was total. Nobody could remove a cultivator or a cattle keeper from the land around his home, with its crops (banana plantation) and *ensaambu* – spare land for seasonal crops.

Therefore, much of the evictions that are taking place are illegal and are permitted by corrupt officials in the district. Using the powers given to the President by Articles 98(1) and 99(1) of the Constitution to ensure good governance and protect this Constitution, I direct as follows:

- (1) No eviction should be allowed to take place in a district without the District Security Committee, chaired by the RDCs, meeting, looking and consulting directly the Minister of Lands. If this is not done and evictions take place, I will hold all the Members of the District Security Committee, except the UPDF representative because he/she may not know the substance of the issues involved, responsible and I will take action against all of them.
- (2) Secondly, by copy of this letter, I request His Lordship the Chief Justice to prevail on his Magistrates and Judges from violating the Constitution by illegally evicting our people in collusion with land grabbers.

I further direct the Minister of Lands to inform the Attorney General about such abuses by the judicial officers, so that legal action can be taken on them.

  
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**P R E S I D E N T**

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Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs  
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Minister of Internal Affairs  
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